

the cemetery. It was evening before Nogus had selected a site that satisfied his exacting notions.

#### A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.

"Since my wife thinks I'm dead, anyway," he said to his companion, "we might as well put off the job until tomorrow and get a comfortable night's rest."

Legris consented and the morning found Nogus apparently resigned to his fate. "I'm quite prepared to shoot myself," he said, "but I think it would not be a bad idea if we first had a good breakfast together. You can shave down the funeral expenses a bit further to make up for it."

They had a gorgeous breakfast and got somewhat fuddled over it. Then they started off to the cemetery where Nogus was to blow out his brains. There another idea captivated him.

"I will expire," he said on the tomb of my parents. They lie at Montfort. Obviously that is the best place to do the job. I shall rest easier if I lie with them."

#### GOING THE ROUNDS.

As there was no train to Montfort that day the dire deed was postponed until the morning. When Montfort was reached Nogus suddenly remembered that

navy; but we neglect the greatest army we have—our industrial army. We keep our fighters in good condition; and yet we let our laborers drift down from poverty to inefficiency. This is all wrong, with a government as rich and powerful as ours. With millions of acres of England's best agricultural lands kept idle and in the hands of a few men—one duke has a million acres—and given up as game preserves, and with men starving simply because our land is so tied up, it is shameful. About 1,000 rich men control the fate of 42,000,000, and that will have to be altered.

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his cousin was the priest of the parish and his death in the cemetery would bring disgrace upon him. Rather than do that he would sacrifice his own convenience. So it was decided that the tragedy should be enacted at Montfort. The two men took tickets for Paris and arrived at Montparnasse station at midnight. Then Nogus discovered that he had forgotten to make his will and several hours were spent in drawing up that document, various cafes being visited in the interim. In consequence Legris was reduced to a condition in which further locomotion was impossible. The two men separated, Nogus vowing that when dawn broke his corpse would be found in the Panthéon cemetery.

Before daybreak Nogus staggered into his wife's home in the Rue d'Alphonse. When she discovered that it was not a ghost, and that all the money she had entrusted to her brother-in-law for the funeral had been expended, her fury knew no bounds. She called in the police and made charges enough against her husband to keep him in jail for many years if he be guilty. But he stoutly declares that he is innocent, and that her sole motive in making the accusation is to get rid of him.

are needed are dumped into Liverpool, and distress follows.

#### TO TIDE OVER.

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"American laboring men are no better off than we are. In fact, with their big trusts in that country, and their backwardness in true socialism, we think we are farther advanced. The industrial armies of both countries should be properly organized and could even work together, and then labor would emancipate itself from its present degrading position. I feel like a man in a dark room who sees a pinhole of daylight—we are moving toward the light, but our present surroundings are very dark."

Crooks attended the coronation of King Edward, but got himself exempted from wearing court dress. When asked afterwards what he thought of the ceremony, he said: "What struck me most was the get-up of the peers. It was interesting to think that one of those men spent as much on his robes and coronet to make himself ugly, as would have given Poplar free breakfasts for a week."

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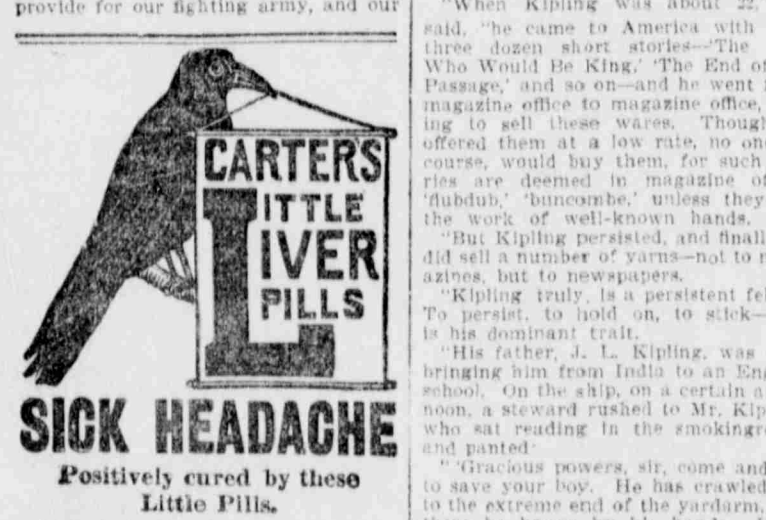
#### FROM WORKHOUSE TO PARLIAMENT.

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when I see the distress in this district alone. As chairman of the board of guardians last year I gave out food supplies to the extent of \$2,500 per week, and the chances are we shall have to do more this year.

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